

Page 2, before line 16, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 5, before line 15, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 6, before line 11, insert the following heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 11, line 31, delete "plantar flexion" and insert therefor --plantar flexion--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1-13 as follows:

1. (Amended) [Frame] A frame for a sporting device for coupling to a shoe[, such as a ski which is slidable or rollable by means of wheels, in particular a cross-country ski, or a skate frame for an ice-skate or roller-skate,] which frame comprises[:] an upper sub-frame with means for coupling to a shoe to be worn by a user[;], a lower sub-frame which is coupled via a pivot mechanism to said upper sub-frame for pivoting in a main plane and which is provided with or adapted to be provided with a runner or wheels[;], and resetting spring means for urging both sub-frames toward each other; [characterized in that] wherein the sub-frames are mutually pivotable and translatable in the said main plane.

2. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sub-frames form part of a mechanism comprising at least four [mutually pivotable and/or translatable

(optionally theoretical)] rods interconnecting said upper sub-  
 5 frame and said lower sub-frame permitting pivotal and  
translational motion between said sub-frames.

3. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 1, wherein the frame has only one degree of freedom.

4. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 3, wherein the frame has a [(real or virtual)] pole path.

5. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 3, wherein the pole path is substantially straight.

6. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 3, wherein the pole path extends substantially  
 horizontally.

7. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 4, wherein the pole path extends between a starting  
 position under the ball of the foot of a user in the rest  
 position of the frame, and an end position under the big toe of  
 5 the user in the extreme outward pivoted position of the frame.

8. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 3, wherein at constant relative angular speed of the sub-  
 frames the speed of the pole along the pole path increases from  
 the starting position to the end position.

9. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in  
 claim 4, wherein a frame is a member of the family in accordance

with the table below, in which the first number designates the number of (optionally theoretical) rods, p1 designates the number of connections with one degree of freedom, p2 designates the number of connections with two degrees of freedom and # designates the presence of well-defined pole path and therewith the suitability for a sporting device with foot bending:

| Family/member | Figure | p1 | p2 | suitable |
|---------------|--------|----|----|----------|
| 2 / 1         | 8      | 0  | 2  | #        |
| 3 / 1         | 9      | 2  | 1  |          |
| 3 / 2         | 10     | 1  | 1  |          |
| 3 / 3         | 11     | 0  | 1  |          |
| 4 / 1         | 12     | 4  | 0  | #        |
| 4 / 2         | 13     | 4  | 0  | #        |
| 4 / 3         | 14     | 3  | 2  | #        |
| 4 / 4         | 15     | 2  | 4  | #        |
| 4 / 5         | 16     | 1  | 6  | #        |
| 4 / 6         | 17     | 0  | 8  | #        |
| 5 / 1         | 18     | 5  | 1  | #        |
| 5 / 2         | 19     | 4  | 3  | #        |
| 5 / 3         | 20     | 3  | 5  | #        |
| 5 / 4         | 21     | 2  | 7  | #        |
| 5 / 5         | 22     | 1  | 9  | #        |
| 5 / 6         | 23     | 0  | 11 | #        |
| 6 / 1         | 24     | 7  | 0  | #        |
| 6 / 2         | 25     | 6  | 2  | #        |
| 6 / 3         | 26     | 5  | 4  | #        |
| 6 / 4         | 27     | 4  | 6  | #        |
| 6 / 5         | 28     | 3  | 8  | #        |
| 6 / 6         | 29     | 2  | 10 | #        |
| 6 / 7         | 30     | 1  | 12 | #        |
| 6 / 8         | 31     | 0  | 14 | #        |

10. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in claim 9, wherein the frame comprises [seven, eight, nine or ten] between seven and ten pivot axes.

11., (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in claim 10, wherein the frame comprises seven pivot axes.

Cancel claim 12.

13. (Amended) [Frame] The frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the frame has torsional stiffness.

Add claims 14-18 as follows:

--14. The frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper sub-frame is attached to a ski, which is slidable or rollable by means of wheels.

15. The frame according to claim 14, wherein the ski is a cross-country ski.

~~15.~~ 15. The frame as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper sub-frame is attached to a skate frame.

~~16.~~ 16. The frame according to claim ~~15~~, wherein the skate frame is for an ice-skate.

~~17.~~ 17. The frame according to claim ~~16~~, wherein the skate frame is for a roller-skate.--